Alma Mater

Oh, Alma Mater here today,
We for thy lasting blessings pray,
We know not where our paths may go,
But, thou’l hold us still we know,
Unchanging thou, ‘mid changes vast,
Unswerved from ideas of the past,
Steadfast and true, our watchword e’er shall be—
To thee, our Alma Mater, Loyalty!
TO OUR GUESTS

The faculty and staff of Northwestern State University welcome you to the one hundred thirty-eighth fall commencement exercises. This is a happy occasion, but yet a dignified occasion. It is a time of recognition of the graduates' years of study and is important and meaningful to the graduates and their families, staff, and students of Northwestern State University. Guests and participants are requested to maintain a proper decorum during the ceremony by avoiding unnecessary movement about the seating area and by withholding applause until the entire class has been graduated. We heartily welcome you to the commencement exercises of Northwestern State University.
Dear Graduates:

On behalf of the entire Northwestern family of faculty, staff, students, and alumni, congratulations to this fall’s graduating class.

We are deeply honored that you will forever be a part of this historic university, its rich traditions, and its continuing role as a leader in higher education.

Northwestern State has a rich tradition stretching back to 1884. Today you join more than 80,000 alumni in all 50 states and around the world who continue to enhance the university’s reputation through their success in all fields of endeavor.

Commencement is a time of celebration with your classmates, family, and others who have been with you throughout your college journey. This is a day some of you thought would never come. But you made it and now you have an education no one can take from you.

College has been a time of change and challenges for many of you. The ability to embrace change and meet challenges will help you throughout your life.

Best wishes for the future. Please stay connected to Northwestern. Return to campus soon and often and let us know if we may ever assist you in any way.

Sincerely,

Dr. Marcus Jones
President
LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Together, we acknowledge that the NSU campuses are located on the traditional and contemporary lands of Indigenous nations, including Caddo, Tunica, Biloxi, Ofo, Chahta, Adaes, Apalachee, Apache, Chatot, Pascagoula, Chitimacha, Coushatta, Alabama, and other Indigenous nations, including Native refugees from other nations. Indigenous nations care for and are cared for by the land. The relationships between the original peoples and their lands remain of great historical, spiritual, cultural, and personal importance. We recognize the sovereignty of modern Indigenous nations, and through this land acknowledgment we affirm our commitment to supporting tribal self-determination through education. We give our gratitude to the elders, past and present, who have cared for these lands and join in their commitment to the lands’ stewardship. We thank the Tunica-Biloxi Tribe, which hosts our Marksville campus on their tribal land.

FACULTY MARSHALS

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STUDENT USHERS

The students leading the candidates into the auditorium represent the Northwestern State University student organizations of Blue Key National Honor Fraternity and Purple Jackets Club. Both organizations are honorary service groups that are highly selective in nature and provide service to the University in many ways throughout the year. Purple Jackets was originated in 1927; Blue Key was begun at Northwestern State University in 1959. It is a Northwestern tradition for a representative of each of these two organizations to lead each file into the commencement ceremony.

GONFALONS

The gonfalon, a flag that hangs from a crosspiece or frame, originated in the medieval republics of Italy as an ensign of state of office. Gonfalons have been adopted in many universities around the world as college or institutional insignias.

The gonfalons displayed represent the academic areas of Northwestern State University. The colors of the University, purple and white, are joined together in a pattern common to all flags. The top portion is the designated color for each academic area.
PROGRAM

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2023 • 10:00 A.M.

Music is provided by the Northwestern State University Brass Quartet.
Jack Stanley, Konnor Thibodeaux, Jelsson Flores, Emily Murphy, Pattie Murr,
Caleb Daniels (Snare drum)

PROCISIONAL........................................................................Pomp and Circumstance—Sir Edward Elgar
arr. Paul Sterrett

INVOCATION..........................................................................................Ebenezer Aggrey
 Mr. NSU and SGA Vice President

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM.......................................................... Ashley Averette Stevens
 Graduating Senior, College of Arts and Science

WELCOME..........................................................................................Dr. Marcus Jones
 President, Northwestern State University

RECOGNITION OF HONOR GRADUATES................................. Dr. Greg Handel
 Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs and
 Dean of the Graduate School

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES................. Dr. Greg Handel

CONFERRING OF DEGREES....................................................... Dr. Marcus Jones

PRESENTATION OF DEGREES

Dr. Greg Handel
 Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs and
 Dean of the Graduate School
 Graduate Degrees

Dr. Mary Edith Stacy
 Dean of the College of Business and Technology
 Bachelor’s Degrees

Dr. Neeru Deep
 Interim Dean of the Gallaspy Family College of Education and Human Development
 Bachelor’s Degrees

THE ALMA MATER.................................................................Air: “The Watch on the Rhine”
 Leslie Jordyn Hernandez
 Graduating Senior, College of Arts and Science

RECESSIONAL................................................................. Eine Kleine Nachtmusik
 by Mozart
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PROCEDENTIAL ................................. Pomp and Circumstance—Sir Edward Elgar arr. Paul Sterrett

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THE NATIONAL ANTHEM .......................................................... Ashley Averette Stevens

Graduating Senior, College of Arts and Science

WELCOME ............................................................................................... Dr. Marcus Jones

President, Northwestern State University

PRESENTATION OF POSTHUMOUS DEGREES .............................. Dr. Marcus Jones

William Clifford Ashmen
Master of Science, Radiologic Sciences

Lauren Corley Vaughn
Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Nursing

RECOGNITION OF HONOR GRADUATES ............................................. Dr. Greg Handel

Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs and
Dean of the Graduate School

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES ........................... Dr. Greg Handel

CONFERRING OF DEGREES ................................................................. Dr. Marcus Jones

PRESENTATION OF DEGREES

Dr. Greg Handel
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs and
Dean of the Graduate School

Graduate Degrees

Dr. Joel Hicks
Dean of the College of Nursing and School of Allied Health
Bachelor’s/Associate Degrees

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Dr. Greg Handel
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs and
Dean of the Graduate School
Graduate Degrees

Dr. Francene J. Lemoine
Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences
Bachelor's/Associate Degrees

THE ALMA MATER..............................................Air: “The Watch on the Rhine”
Leslie Jordyn Hernandez
Graduating Senior, College of Arts and Science

RECESSIONAL..........................................................Eine Kleine Nachtmusik
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HONOR GRADUATES
SUMMER 2023

SUMMA CUM LAUDE
(G.P.A. 4.00 – 3.90)

Ariel Benfer
Megan Elise Gallagher

MAGNA CUM LAUDE
(G.P.A. 3.89 – 3.70)

Alexis Barr Appleton
Alayna L. Bush
Charlisa Jade Carter
Sarah Caitlin Chenevert
Lindsey Yvonne Gonzalez
Madison Aaliyah Kelly
Jordan Lane Martin
Katelyn Morace
Erin Delaney Murphy
LaKin DeNee’ Ogilvie
Jalyn Loraine Robertson
Hannah Clothilde Sprawls
Kimberly Boudreaux Stanton
Armani Negel Wiltz

CUM LAUDE
(G.P.A. 3.69 – 3.50)

Lana Assaf
Macie R. Bernard
Emily Rose Bowman
McKenzie Hope Brown
Mckenzie E. Cockrell
Keely Hope Dubois
Renada Cheree Fulton
Jasmine L. Gonzalez
Claire A. Guin
Bailey LeAnn Hagan
Hannah L. Haigh
Lynda Gail Hammett
Carlye N. Hayes
Zoe Devall Hebert
Taylor Ann-Marie Hill
Hannah Paige Kramel
Bailey Nicole Mahfouz
Megan Sue Messett
Lauren Elizabeth Norton Miller
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PHI KAPPA PHI

The national Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi was the first to recognize superior scholarship in all fields of study and to take into membership the highest-ranking students from all branches of learning. Since chapters elect no more than the upper ten percent of a graduating class, membership is a distinction unequaled by any other scholarly group. Faculty and students who are members wear the medallion of the Society. Members from this graduating class are:

**Summer 2023**

Rachel Nicole Thacker

**Fall 2023**

Mia Elizabeth Adams  
Patience Hardy Danzy  
Kevin A. Denks  
Shelby Rice Laborde  
Kya Ky'Les Hall Warren
*Robin Elizabeth Beacom, Doctor of Nursing Practice, Nursing Practice  
**Scholarly Project:** Implementing Telehealth in a Rural Health Clinic to Improve Diabetic Self-Management Adherence in Older Adults: A Quality Improvement Project

*James Kelley Blankenship, Doctor of Nursing Practice, Nursing Practice  
**Scholarly Project:** A Quality Improvement Project to Increase the Early Identification and Management of Childhood Obesity

*Michael L. Brown, Doctor of Nursing Practice, Nursing Practice  
**Scholarly Project:** Implementation of a Triage Algorithm to Assign Acuity to Improve Access to Care and Improve Waiting Times

Whitney Charmaine Jackson, Doctor of Nursing Practice, Nursing Practice  
**Scholarly Project:** Implementation of an Opioid Risk Tool (ORT) Assessment Into the Charting System: A Quality Improvement Project

*Sharonda Anderson Johnson, Doctor of Nursing Practice, Nursing Practice  
**Scholarly Project:** Increasing Patient and Staff Satisfaction with Communication by Implementing TeamSTEPPS 2.0: A Quality Improvement Project

Brittany Sweeney Lasser, Doctor of Nursing Practice, Nursing Practice  
**Scholarly Project:** Implementation of a Quality-of-Life Screening to Improve Referral of Community Resources

*Megan Money, Doctor of Nursing Practice, Nursing Practice  
**Scholarly Project:** Decreasing Nurse Burnout Through the Implementation of a Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction Program: A Quality Improvement Project

*Arielle Elizabeth St. Romain, Doctor of Nursing Practice, Nursing Practice  
**Scholarly Project:** Implementation of a Toolkit to Improve Documentation Practices and Nurse Satisfaction with Health Record Usability-A Quality Improvement Project

*Amy Alisha Stinson, Doctor of Nursing Practice, Nursing Practice  
**Scholarly Project:** Utilization of Transient Elastography to Screen High-Risk Adults for Nonalcoholic Fatty Liver Disease

*Denotes 4.0 in Degree Program
MASTER’S DEGREES
SUMMER 2023

*Laurie Armand, Master of Education, Special Education

*Daria Penionzhkevich Dega, Master of Arts, Art  
  Creative Research Project: The Story of Women’s Self-Portrait  
  Through the Centuries and Styles

*Courtney R. Dupré, Master of Arts, English  
  Thesis: Emissary: A Young Adult Fiction Novel in a Series with Critical  
  Introduction

Anthony Jordan Flores, Master of Music, Music  
  Performance Document: The Brief History of Timpani Concerti with an  
  Emphasis on John Psathas’s Planet Damnation

*William Bryan Foley III, Master of Arts in Teaching, Middle School Education  
  Grades 4-8

*Jillian Rae Gamble, Master of Arts, Art  
  Creative Research Project: Visualizing Memory Interpretation and  
  How the Passage of Time Affects It

Zoe Devall Hebert, Master of Arts, English  
  Thesis: Desktop Roleplay: An Ethnographic Study of Online Roleplay  
  and Its Functions in Digital Folk Groups

Kate Randle Jones, Master of Arts in Teaching, Secondary Education  
  Grades 6-12

*Morgan Jene Magnuson, Master of Arts, Art  
  Creative Research Project: Art Therapy Inspires Healing

*Tifphany Milikka McClinton, Master of Arts, Art  
  Creative Research Project: Painting Techniques: Reflection and  
  Emulation

*Bailey E. Perrilloux, Master of Arts in Teaching, Middle School Education  
  Grades 4-8

*Madison Elisabeth Pleasant, Master of Arts, Adult Learning and Development  
  Thesis: What Challenges Do Adult Online Learners Face at a North  
  Central Louisiana University?

Ronny Arthur Ray, Jr., Master of Science, Radiologic Sciences

*Denotes 4.0 in Degree Program
Rachel Nicole Thacker, Master of Science, Psychology, Clinical

*Lainey Mac Whatley-Finlay, Master of Arts in Teaching, Middle School Education Grades 4-8

LOUISIANA SCHOLARS’ COLLEGE
BACHELOR’S DEGREE CANDIDATES
SUMMER 2023

*Zoe Devall Hebert, Bachelor of Arts, Liberal Arts
Thesis: Desktop Roleplay: An Ethnographic Study of Online Roleplay and Its Functions in Digital Folk Groups

*Erin Delaney Murphy, Bachelor of Science, Elementary Education Grades 1-5
Thesis: The Schoolwide Use of Social Emotional Learning Programs

*Denotes 4.0 in Degree Program
BACHELOR OF ARTS

Anselmo Bailon, Jr.  Liberal Arts
LaTia Dantrice Beavers  Criminal Justice
Artisha Downs  Liberal Arts
Brandon P. Templet*  Criminal Justice

BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS

Shatney Winslow  Fine and Graphic Arts

BACHELOR OF GENERAL STUDIES

MAJOR: GENERAL STUDIES

Julia Faye Common*  Katelyn Morace*
Nichole L. Dauzat  Brianne Renee Quereau
Corrie Edmondson  Mikayla Marie Sampson
Brian Lyn Griffin*  Clayton Lee Turner
Joelle Marie Johnson-Burnley  Miguel Austin Vega
Robyn Lucas  Heidi Danielle Walker

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Allyson Nicole Adams  Theatre
Kayla A. Berzas  Biology
Timothy Joseph Dronet II  Unified Public Safety Administration
James Talon Matteson*  Biology
Stephen McCallister  Electronics Engineering Technology
Cody Allen Robinson*  Biology
Antonio M. Smith*  Unified Public Safety Administration
Haily C. Wade  Biology

*Honor Roll for the Associate Degree or Bachelor's Degree program

Double major in the same college  Double degree in the same college
COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES
ASSOCIATE DEGREE CANDIDATES
SUMMER 2023

ASSOCIATE DEGREE
MAJOR: VETERINARY TECHNOLOGY

Olivia Turk Dixon*
Katelyn E. Mayeux*

Haily C. Wade

ASSOCIATE OF GENERAL STUDIES
MAJOR: GENERAL STUDIES

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Nathan Wayne Austin*
Ravi Charles Baker*
Madison Brianne Barfield*
Nancy Barlow
Avery Grace Barnett*
Aviance Avanti Bee
Victoria Belle
Gianna Isabella Benavides*
Jessica June Beneke-Milner
Caleb Sean Blanchard
James Neil Boline*
Shannon Alexis Boone*
Kinslee Grace Boren*
Lindsey Grace Boswell*
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Tadgh Conall Bowman*
Nely Rose Boycher*
Felicity K. Bradshaw
Olivia Ruth Broussard*
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McKenzie Mi’Kal Davis*
Kaylene Mychell DeSoto-Feazel*
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Manasi Devang Desai*
Adam Paul Deslatte*
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Samantha Elan Dugan*
Jade Isabelle Dunn*
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Salim Zitouni Elkhan*
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Victoria Lynn Friddle*
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Jason Hampton Goudie II*
Jesse Hodges Goudie III*
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Anne Marie Hebert*

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Jacob Hicks
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ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE
MAJOR: ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY

Douglas W. Floyd*          Hayden R. Stanley*

COLLEGE OF
BUSINESS AND TECHNOLOGY
BACHELOR’S DEGREE CANDIDATES
SUMMER 2023

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Tawanda Yevette Barnes      Hospitality Management and Tourism
Alayna L. Bush*            Hospitality Management and Tourism
Claire A. Guin*            Hospitality Management and Tourism
Lynda Gail Hammett*        Accounting
Emily Anne Hanik*          Hospitality Management and Tourism
Michelle Leigh Jones*      Accounting
Alex Michael Miller*       Hospitality Management and Tourism
Darrin Scott Smith*        Accounting
Kimberly Boudreaux Stanton* Hospitality Management and Tourism
Landon Scott Stephens      Business Administration
Payten John Vidourek*      Business Administration
Makensie D. Vienne*        Business Administration
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BACHELOR OF APPLIED SCIENCE
MAJOR: ALLIED HEALTH

Blaire Nicole Carriere*

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE
MAJOR: RADIOLOGIC SCIENCES

Derek Bonvillain
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Anna Elaine Ward*              Robert Justin Wood*
Nichelle S. Weaver            Mi’Kayla Neshae Wright
Katherine Elizabeth Weeks*
CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATION
GRADUATE DEGREES
FALL 2023

DOCTOR OF EDUCATION
MAJOR: ADULT LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT

*Rachel Marie Forbes, Doctor of Education, Adult Learning and Development
  **Doctoral Dissertation:** Considerations and Decision-Making Among Women Transitioning from Active Service with the Army National Guard: An Interpretative Phenomenological Analysis

*Leslie Gregory Gruesbeck, Doctor of Education, Adult Learning and Development
  **Doctoral Dissertation:** The Impact of ADDIE Designed Lessons in Scissor and Knife Use on the Self-Efficacy of Collegiate Art Students

*LaTisha Pierre Standokes, Doctor of Education, Adult Learning and Development
  **Doctoral Dissertation:** Identifying and Implementing Outreach and Engagement Strategies for the Effective Recruitment and Enrollment of Black Americans at Arkansas Colleges of Health Education

*Shaun Marie Loustaunau Wheat, Doctor of Education, Adult Learning and Development
  **Doctoral Dissertation:** The Effect of the Flipped Classroom on Undergraduate Nursing Student’s Exam Scores

*Julie Ann Yavarian, Doctor of Education, Adult Learning and Development
  **Doctoral Dissertation:** Identification of Perceived Barriers for Adult Learners in a 2+2 Engineering Transfer Program: A Qualitative Analysis

SPECIALIST IN EDUCATION DEGREES

Andrea Elizabeth Brooks, Educational Specialist, Educational Leadership and Instruction
  **Field Study:** High-Stakes Testing and Implications for Students with Visual Impairments in Louisiana

Shelby Rice Laborde, Educational Specialist, Educational Leadership and Instruction
  **Field Study:** Effects of Multi-Tiered Systems of Supports on Attendance, Behavior, and Academics in High School

*Melissa Dawn Wulf, Educational Specialist, Educational Leadership and Instruction
  **Field Study:** Highly Qualified For RTI: Can It Improve Student Outcomes?

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DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE
MAJOR: NURSING PRACTICE

Dwight Adams, Doctor of Nursing Practice, Nursing Practice

Scholarly Project: The Inclusion of a Standardized Dentition Assessment Tool to Increase Preoperative Dentition Documentation

Jeremiah Shea Andrews, Doctor of Nursing Practice, Nursing Practice

Scholarly Project: Implementation of Preanesthetic Medications Included in ERAS® Guidelines for Colorectal Surgery

Zachary Gerard Bergeron, Doctor of Nursing Practice, Nursing Practice

Scholarly Project: Implementation of the STOP-Bang Questionnaire: A Quality Improvement Project

Henry J. Bohn, Doctor of Nursing Practice, Nursing Practice

Scholarly Project: Improving Ambulatory Surgery Survey Results by Improving Nurse-to-Patient Communication in Endoscopy with the COMFORT Communication Model

Jonathon Aaron Fussell, Doctor of Nursing Practice, Nursing Practice

Scholarly Project: Use of a Standardized Post-Anesthetic Handoff Tool to Enhance Patient Outcomes Through Improved Staff Communication

*Ashley Sandel Hardin, Doctor of Nursing Practice, Nursing Practice

Scholarly Project: Preoperative and Intraoperative Interventions for Enhanced Recovery After Robotic Laparoscopic Procedures

William Tyler Higginbotham, Doctor of Nursing Practice, Nursing Practice

Scholarly Project: Identification of Difficult Intravenous Access Patients

Alexander Scott Husted, Doctor of Nursing Practice, Nursing Practice

Scholarly Project: Evaluating the Efficacy of the Erector Spinae Plane Block in Postoperative Pain Management for Patients Undergoing a Thoracotomy

Calvin Luke Ivie, Doctor of Nursing Practice, Nursing Practice

Scholarly Project: Incorporating a Difficult Intravenous Access (DIVA) Screening Tool in a Preoperative Setting

Zachary Charles Lachney, Doctor of Nursing Practice, Nursing Practice

Scholarly Project: Implementation of a Preoperative Algorithm for Selection and Dosing of Neuromuscular Blockade Reversal Agents

Courtney Marie LeBlanc, Doctor of Nursing Practice, Nursing Practice

Scholarly Project: Implementation of Cognitive Aid During Emergency Cesarean Delivery

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Kelsey Lynn Lott, Doctor of Nursing Practice, Nursing Practice  
**Scholarly Project:** Implementation of Bispectral Index Monitoring for Customizing General Anesthesia in Geriatric Surgical Patients

*Lindsey Nichole Marks, Doctor of Nursing Practice, Nursing Practice  
**Scholarly Project:** Compliance of a Post-Operative Nausea and Vomiting Risk Screening Tool

*Colby Cheyenne Orr, Doctor of Nursing Practice, Nursing Practice  
**Scholarly Project:** Preoperative Implementation of a Documentation Label to Increase Pre-Anesthetic Obstructive Sleep Apnea Documentation in the Gastrointestinal Laboratory

*Caleb A. Phillips, Doctor of Nursing Practice, Nursing Practice  
**Scholarly Project:** Improving Preoperative Pediatric Anxiety Screening Through the Implementation of a Standardized Pediatric Anxiety Screening Tool

Nicholas Ryan Saucier, Doctor of Nursing Practice, Nursing Practice  
**Scholarly Project:** Improving Pre-Operative Obstructive Sleep Apnea Screening

*Jarred Dewayne Sepulvado, Doctor of Nursing Practice, Nursing Practice  
**Scholarly Project:** Integration of the Apfel Standardized Risk Score to Improve the Identification and Documentation of Patients at Risk for Postoperative Nausea and Vomiting

**MASTER’S DEGREES**  
**FALL 2023**

Caroline Herring Adams, Master of Education, Educational Leadership

*Katlynn French Anderson, Master of Arts in Teaching, Middle School Education Grades 4-8

William Clifford Ashmen, Master of Science, Radiologic Sciences

Ashley Ann Atkinson, Master of Arts in Teaching, Elementary Education and Special Education Mild/Moderate Grades 1-5

*Matthew Courtney Bernard, Master of Science, Homeland Security

Shanteria Montgomery Brock, Master of Science, Psychology, Clinical

Victoria Leigh Childress, Master of Education, Early Childhood Education

Brittany Barbier Clark, Master of Education, Educational Leadership

*Josie S. Clark, Master of Arts, Student Affairs in Higher Education

Maxwell Edward Collins, Master of Science, Health and Human Performance

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Patience Hardy Danzy, Master of Education, Special Education
Hannah Dease, Master of Arts in Teaching, Middle School Education Grades 4-8
Brittany Ann Desadier-Smith, Master of Arts, Counseling
William Zackry Dick, Master of Arts in Teaching, Middle School Education Grades 4-8
*Faith Fontenot Ducote, Master of Education, Special Education
*Amanda Mays Dunbar, Master of Arts, Counseling
Evans Elizabeth Dyason, Master of Science, Health and Human Performance
Rachel Elizabeth Ehrman, Master of Science, Health and Human Performance
Charlene Lynette Emery, Master of Education, Curriculum and Instruction
*Emme Elise Fernandez, Master of Science, Homeland Security
Brian Patrick Goody, Master of Science, Homeland Security
Ethan J. Guidry, Master of Arts, Student Affairs in Higher Education
Kisha Michelle Hargrave, Master of Education, Educational Leadership
Eric Dale Harper, Jr., Master of Science, Homeland Security
*Coleman Douglas Hearne, Master of Science, Homeland Security
*Tia Carroll Hensley, Master of Arts, English
Susan Annette Ingram, Master of Education, Early Childhood Education
*Monica Fay Jacob, Master of Education, Educational Technology Leadership
*Nourain Muayad Jamhour, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing
Kimberly Cowan Johnson, Master of Arts in Teaching, Middle School Education Grades 4-8
*Ryan Patrick Johnson, Master of Science, Computer Information Systems
Lauren Elizabeth Krupica, Master of Science, Health and Human Performance
Paige Rushing LaBorde, Master of Education, Early Childhood Education
*Julia Lynn LeFort, Master of Arts, English
   Thesis: “Visions to Perplex Us…” : Gothic Dreams in the Life and Works of Emily Jane Brontë
*Cara Elizabeth MacFarland, Master of Arts, Adult Learning and Development
   Thesis: Participant in College Athlete’s Effect on Body Dysmorphia Disorder
Melanie Marie Maggio, Master of Education, Curriculum and Instruction
Lucia Creighton Maley, Master of Education, Curriculum and Instruction

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Katie Martin, Master of Arts, Student Affairs in Higher Education

Travis Ray McCartney, Master of Arts, English

Christie Lynette Mingo, Master of Science, Homeland Security

Joshua Aguirre Moore, Master of Arts, Adult Learning and Development

Thesis: Benefits from Vital Nutritional Knowledge

Robert T. Morgan, Master of Arts, Counseling

Kindrea Michelle Mull, Master of Education, Early Childhood Education

Kendall Rashaad Murray, Master of Science, Health and Human Performance

Victoria Denise Nash, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing

Nicole Boudwin Nguyen, Master of Education, Special Education

Brittany Bonvillian Nixon, Master of Education, Curriculum and Instruction

Madysen Leigh Norra, Master of Arts, English

Thesis: No Safety in the Hymns of the Dead: Turning Gender Upside Down in Folklore

Denise Michelle Peaslee, Master of Education, Educational Leadership

Lily Hope Pedersoli, Master of Science, Radiologic Sciences

Lindsay Ann Rachal, Master of Education, Educational Leadership

Sanquinetta Scheral Ramsey, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing

Jabari Osaze Reddock, Master of Arts, Adult Learning and Development

Patricia Jean Ricciardi, Master of Arts in Teaching, Elementary Education Grades 1-5

Courtney Nicole Richer, Master of Education, Educational Leadership

Karl Fitzgerald Robinson, Jr., Master of Education, Educational Leadership

Chelsie Ann-Marie Sanders, Master of Arts, English

Trinity Rhiannon Sanders, Master of Arts, Art

Creative Research Project: Home Grown: Creating Culture in Community

Michelle Lee Shirley, Master of Education, Educational Technology Leadership

Austin Michael Simoneaux, Master of Science, Health and Human Performance

Lauren Green Stevens, Master of Education, Curriculum and Instruction

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LOUISIANA SCHOLARS’ COLLEGE
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Jaydan W. Perkins  Criminal Justice
Wyatt M. Quinn*  Criminal Justice
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Kira Simone’ Raymond*  Communication
Nehemiah Edward Timothy Riggs  Communication
Hosue A. Rodriguez  English
Emily Ryder*  Liberal Arts
Mary Anna Scruggs*  Communication
Nora Eileen Seyler  Liberal Arts
Garrett M. Simon*  History
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Abigail G. Whitam*  Communication
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Trevor L. Williams, Jr.  Communication
Allie Marie Wintz  Criminal Justice
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BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS

Kyla K. Claiborne*  Fine and Graphic Arts
Madeline Mae Romero*  Fine and Graphic Arts
Ashley Averette Stevens*  Musical Theatre
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THE PRESIDENT’S CHAIN, REGALIA, and the MACE

The President’s Chain holds the seal of the University, which is cast in bronze. Around the black satin ribbon holding the seal are engraved platelets bearing the name of a former president of Northwestern and the years he served. Chains of similar design have been worn for centuries during ceremonies at universities. This chain is unique in recognizing the leaders who have served Northwestern while most others are original works of art.

The President’s Chain was presented to the University by The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi to commemorate the University’s commitment to academic excellence for 125 years.

The President’s Regalia was designed by the Student Government Association on behalf of the student body and symbolizes the mutual trust, respect, and collaboration between the students and the University administration.

Academic regalia dates back to the Medieval universities of Europe and is based on clerical robes worn at that time. The President’s Regalia is comprised of a purple robe and hood with velvet panels and bars with white piping in the University’s colors. The front panels are emblazoned with the seal of the University, and the four bars on the sleeves are exclusive to the regalia of the President.

The Mace is crafted from dark walnut and silver-plated solid bronze. It bears the seal of the University and features details of oak and pine. The Mace is topped by a silver fleur-de-lis finial, symbolizing the French heritage of the area and is encircled by the original Latin motto of the school, “Educatio Adulescentis Est Civitatis Salus (The Education of the Youth is the Salvation of the State).”

The Mace originated as a weapon in the Middle Ages. Archers and other unmounted warriors used it as a hand arm. Sergeants at arms, who were guards of kings and other high officials, also carried maces. Gradually the mace gained a ceremonial character and became a symbol to denote authority.

The commencement ceremonial occasions begin with the entrance of the University Mace, carried by the Mace Bearer, President of the University's Faculty Senate. The ceremonial Mace symbolizes the dignity and authority of the University.

Mace Bearer

Dr. John T. Dunn
CONTACT COMMENTARY

The practice of wearing academic attire extends back to Medieval times and the Renaissance when teachers and students in European universities wore caps, gowns, and hoods. The long sleeves of the gowns and the deep hoods were used to carry books and refreshments. Each European university developed its own style of dress and strict rules for its design. In the United States, most institutions have agreed on a uniform design and color code.

Although the wearing of academic regalia in this country is now limited to formal occasions, the attire may be considered the mark of the professional scholar and teacher. The style and color serve as symbols of academic achievement.

Holders of the associate, bachelor's, master's, and specialist's degrees wear purple gowns; the pattern and trimming differ for each degree. Originally, the bachelor's gowns were made of serge or worsted and the master's gowns were made of serge, worsted, or silk; but now synthetic fabrics are also used. The master's and specialist's gowns are distinguished by their long pointed sleeves with a slit for the arm at either the elbow or wrist.

The doctor's gown is made of silk and may be in a color other than black. It has rounded, open sleeves, and the trimming includes velvet facing down the front and three bars of velvet on the sleeves. The velvet may be black or the color appropriate to the faculty or subject to which the degree pertains.

Holders of all degrees wear caps, popularly known as mortarboards, to which a long tassel, the color of which indicates the academic discipline of the degree, is fastened and hangs over the left side of the cap. Doctors and presidents of institutions may wear tassels of gold thread.

At Northwestern State University, students earning bachelor's, master's and specialist's degrees wear purple and white tassels and students earning associate degrees wear purple tassels. The hoods of the candidates for advanced Northwestern State University degrees are lined with the colors of the University, purple and white. The colors of the edging of hoods are representative of the degree:

- Arts, Letters, and Humanities..............White
- Business........................................Drab
- Education....................................Baby Blue
- Music..........................................Pink
- Nursing........................................Apricot
- Science ........................................Golden Yellow

Commencement is the most important event of the academic year on a university campus. On that occasion, the faculty traditionally recognizes the graduating class by marching in procession attired in the regalia appropriate to their degrees and the institutions where they were earned. Position in the faculty columns is determined by academic rank; persons of higher rank process first.

The column is led by two marshals wearing regalia in the colors of Northwestern State University. The marshals are chosen by their faculty colleagues on the basis of distinguished service and achievement.

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Alma Mater

Oh, Alma Mater here today,
We for thy lasting blessings pray,
We know not where our paths may go,
But, thou’l hold us still we know,
Unchanging thou, ‘mid changes vast,
Unswerved from ideas of the past,
Steadfast and true, our watchword e’er shall be—
To thee, our Alma Mater, Loyalty!